

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) A method for providing an interface for accessing home devices that are currently connected to a network, the method comprising the steps of:
creating a device link page ~~from at least the local~~ for one or more devices currently connected to the network for access to the graphical or textual information in the one or more devices, wherein the device link page contains at least a device button for a device that is currently connected to the network;
associating a hyper-text link with each device button, wherein the hyper-text link provides a link to graphical or textual information that is contained in the device that is associated with the device button; and
displaying the device link page on a display device.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said network is a home network.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said graphical or textual information is a web page or an html page.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, said display device is a browser based display device.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

retrieving a logical device name from a device link file;
storing the logical device name in the device link page; and
converting the logical device name to a device button.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

retrieving a device ICON image from a home device;
creating a device button based on the device ICON image; and
storing the device button in the device link page.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

retrieving a device LOGO image from a home device; creating a manufacturer device button based on the device LOGO image; and
storing the manufacturer device button in the device link page.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of associating a hyper-text link with each device button, includes the steps of:

retrieving a URL from a home device, wherein the URL is maintained in a properties file associated with the home device; and

associating the URL with the device button that is associated with the home device.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of storing the manufacturer device button in the device link page includes the step of storing the manufacturer device button in a user definable area of the device link page.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of retrieving the URL from the home device includes the steps of retrieving the URL from a properties file that is stored on the home device.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of generating the device list file by:

detecting that a device is connected to the home network;

associating a logical device name with the home device; and

storing the logical device name in the device list file.

20. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of A method for providing an interface for accessing home devices that are currently connected to a network, the method comprising the steps of:~~

creating a device link page from at least the network, wherein the device link page contains at least a device button for a device that is currently connected to the network, wherein creating the device link page further includes: (i) generating a device list file by detecting that a device is connected to the home network, associating a logical device name with the home device, and storing the logical device name in the device list file, and (ii) retrieving a logical device name from the device link file, storing the logical device name in the device link page, and converting the logical device name to a device button;

associating a hyper-text link with each device button, wherein the hyper-text link provides a link to graphical or textual information that is contained in the device that is associated with the device button; and

displaying the device link page on a display device;

periodically refreshing the device list file by: autonomously detecting that a home device is currently connected to the home network, associating a logical device name with the home device, and storing the logical device name in the device list file.